

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A printing press comprising:

printing units having cylinders; and

a transport device for transporting sleeve-shaped covers for of the cylinders in printing units of a printing press, the device comprising, the transport device including:

a translation element; and

a plurality of carrier elements for carrying the sleeve-shaped covers, the carrier elements being received on the translation element, the transport device for moving the translation element so movement of the translation element causing positions at least a group of the carrier elements to be positioned in a vicinity of the cylinders of the printing press such that either sleeve-shaped covers received on the carrier elements of the group are transferable directly from the carrier elements to the cylinders or that sleeve-shaped covers received on the cylinders are transferable directly to the carrier elements of the group, the respective sleeve-shaped cover being in simultaneous contact with the respective cylinder and with the respective carrier element during the direct transfer.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The printing press transport device as recited in claim 11 further comprising at least one device for mounting a plate-shaped printing master to at least one of the sleeve-shaped covers at one position of the translation element.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The printing press transport device as recited in claim 12 wherein the device for mounting includes at least one heating element or a pressure element.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The printing press~~transport device~~ as recited in claim 11 further comprising at least one device for removing a plate-shaped printing master from at least one of the sleeve-shaped covers at one position of the translation element.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The printing press~~transport device~~ as recited in claim 14 wherein the device for removing includes at least one suction device.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The printing press~~transport device~~ as recited in claim 11 further comprising a device for mounting plate-shaped printing masters to the sleeve-shaped covers, the device for mounting being integrated in a path of a web of printing material in the printing press or a device for removing plate-shaped printing masters from the sleeve-shaped covers, the device for removing being integrated into the path of the web of printing material in the printing press.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The printing press~~transport device~~ as recited in claim 11 wherein the translation element has a closed-loop transport path.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method of changing sleeve-shaped covers for cylinders in printing units of a printing press using a plurality of carrier elements received on a translation element and ~~designed~~ adapted to carry the sleeve-shaped covers, comprising the steps of:

positioning a group of empty carrier elements in front of cylinders that carry sleeve-shaped covers in printing units;

removing and directly transferring the sleeve-shaped covers to the empty carrier elements;

positioning a further group of carrier elements for receiving sleeve-shaped covers in front of the cylinders; and

directly transferring and mounting the sleeve-shaped covers to the cylinders, the respective sleeve-shaped cover being in simultaneous contact with the respective carrier element and the respective cylinder during the direct transfer.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of changing sleeve-shaped covers as recited in claim 19 wherein the sleeve-shaped covers are transfer cylinder sleeves.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method as recited in claim 20 further comprising:
 positioning a second group of empty carrier elements in front of printing master cylinders that carry plate-shaped printing masters in printing units;
 removing and directly transferring the plate-shaped printing masters to the empty carrier elements;
 positioning a further second group of carrier elements for receiving plate-shaped printing masters in front of the printing master cylinders; and
 directly transferring and mounting the plate-shaped printing masters to the printing master cylinders.

Claim 22 (new): The method of changing sleeve-shaped covers as recited in claim 19 wherein the sleeve-shaped covers are plate-shaped printing masters and the cylinders are printing master cylinders.